

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
SHREVEPORT DIVISION**

DAVID B. MEANS, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:23-cv-00669

VERSUS

JUDGE DAVID C. JOSEPH

DESOTO PARISH, ET AL.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE HORNSBY

FIFTH JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated April 11, 2024, the parties now file their fifth joint status report to update the Court on the progress of settlement discussions. On July 1, 2024, the parties filed their fourth joint status report indicating that more time was needed for settlement negotiations and that the parties would submit another status report on or before July 31, 2024 to update the Court on the progress of settlement.

On July 22, 2024, Plaintiffs transmitted a new settlement proposal to Defendants. Defendants are currently reviewing this proposal. The parties therefore request an additional thirty (30) day extension of the stay. In accordance with the Court's April 11, 2024 Order, the parties will submit another status report to the Court within thirty (30) days of the instant status report, on or before August 30, 2024, to inform the Court regarding the progress of settlement negotiations. Should negotiations conclude before then, the parties will promptly notify the Court regarding the outcome, including submission of a new proposed scheduling order if necessary.

Dated: July 31, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 31, 2024, I served the foregoing via email on all counsel of record by operation of the Court's CM/ECF filing system.

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